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Dear Secretary Shalala:

I am writing to express my concern about the criminal weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the Food and Drug Administration. I strongly believe that it is the public's right to know if the food we eat has been treated with radiation. WHY NOT SIMPLY ABOLISH THE FDA? THESE CLOWNS ARE NO BETTER THAN INDUSTRY SHILLS, THEY ARE UTTERLY WORTHLESS.

Food products undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes. These cosmetic and nutritional changes in foods warrant disclosure on a prominent place on the package. In addition, food that is not packaged should be accompanied by a poster in plain view of where it is displayed for sale. Labels are required by law to be truthful and not misleading to the customer. Only clear, honest and permanent labeling is acceptable for irradiated foods.

I hope that you will defend the consumer's right to know in this important decision-making process. BETTER YET, JUST ABOLISH THE FDA. IF THEY CAN'T DO THEIR JOBS, WE DON'T NEED THEM. THE USDA ACTUALLY WANTS TO LABEL GENETICALLY MODIFED FOOD ORGANIC- ABOLISH THEM TOO. IF WE ARE NAKED, WITH NO PROTECTION AT ALL FROM CORPORATE CRIMINALS, LET'S BE HONEST ABOUT IT, AND SAVE THE MONEY SPENT ON THOSE CLOWNS.

Sincerely,

cc: CT Congressional delegation

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